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1. I MET WITH GURC FONMIN ACTING DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS NKWETTA ZAA AUGUST 30 TO INFORM HIM, AS PER REF A, OF US DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH CAMEROON AND OTHER AF'S AT UPCOMING UNGA, ETC. IN RESPONSE MY INQUIRY RE GURC SPECIAL CONCERNS, HE SAID CAMEROON FOUND ONLY ONE OR TWO ITEMS AT UNGA OF PARTICULAR INTEREST: (A) COLONIAL PROBLEMS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES AND (B) WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AS DISCUSSED AT RECENT UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. THIS OFFERED OPPORTUNITY PRESENT U.S. VIEWS ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES (REF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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B, PARA 9-- WE WILL DISCUSS OTHER KEY UNGA ISSUES AT LATER MEETING) AND REITERATE STRONG AND HIGH LEVEL USG CONCERN AT STEAMROLLER TACTICS AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION (REF C).

2. RE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, NKWETTA ZAA EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT GOP MOVING TOO SLOWLY IN COOPERATING WITH PROCESS OF CHANGE IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. IN COURSE OF ENSUING DISCUSSION, HE CONCEDED THAT BASIC PROBLEM EXISTED OF FINDING VALID INTERLOCUTEURS IN ANGOLA, BUT NOTED IT CLEAR WHO ARE VALID LIBERATION MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN MOZAMBIQUE.

3. RE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, HE MADE ONLY BRIEF AND GENERAL REMARKS ABOUT NEED FOR MAJOR COUNTRIES AND AGENCIES TO DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO CRISES CAUSED BY ENERGY COSTS, GENERAL INFLATION, DROUGHT. HE LISTENED INTENTLY TO POINTS MADE ABOUT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, AND WITHOUT TAKING ISSUE WITH THEM COMMENTED GRACEFULLY ABOUT MULTITUDE OF PROBLEMS FACED BY LDC'S NATURAL PROCESS BY WHICH THOSE WITH SIMILAR VIEWS COME TOGETHER, POSSIBILITY THAT THESE VIEWS WERE "NOT WELL PUT ACROSS", NEED FOR YOUNG NATIONS TO EXPRESS SELVES, AND NECESSITY THAT "EVERYBODY THEN COME TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS".

4. COMMENT. NKWETTA ZAA CLEARLY ABSORBED MESSAGE ABOUT KIND OF SHOW PUT ON AT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH LDC ANTICS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE ACTION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL BODIES ON THEIR VERY REAL PROBLEMS. HIS RESPONSE, IN GRACEFUL AFRICAN STYLE, GAVE NO RPT NO IMPRESSION OF ATTEMPTING TO REFUTE VALIDITY OF POINTS HE HAD HEARD. NKWETTA ZAA IS ABLE AND IMPRESSIVE SENIOR OFFICIAL--UNTIL LAST YEAR GURC AMBASSADOR IN LONDON. HIS NOTE-TAKER RECORDED OUR CONVERSATION ASSIDUOUSLY. FROM WHAT WE KNOW OF GURC PRACTICES, IT WILL NO DOUBT BE REPORTED IN DETAIL--HOPEFULLY ACCURATELY- TO FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRESIDENCY.
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